

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of recording digital data scrambled using a control word encrypted with a first key, the scrambled data being ~~transmitted~~ received together with the control word encrypted with the first key, the method comprising:
 ~~encrypting the control word with a first key;~~
 ~~transmitting the encrypted control word;~~
 receiving the encrypted control word and decrypting the control word with a decoder comprising an equivalent of the first key;
 re-encrypting the decrypted control word with a second key stored in a portable support device adapted to be releasably received by the decoder, the portable support device adapted for use with a plurality of decoders; and
 recording the re-encrypted control word and the scrambled digital data on a digital recording medium.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the portable support device comprises a smart card adapted to be releasably received by a smart card reader operatively coupled to the decoder.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the smart card comprises the equivalent of the first key.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the first key is separate from the second key that is stored on the smart card.
5. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein a single smart card is used to generate the re-encrypted control word for a plurality of recordings.
6. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the smart card comprises credit units used to determine how many times the recorded digital data may be replayed.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the credit units are decremented after each playing of the recorded digital data.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the credit units are associated with a particular segment of the recording so that playing a selected segment of the recording decrements a selected number of credit units associated with that selected segment.
9. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the credit units are decremented after the playing of any segment of the recording.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the portable support device comprises the digital recording medium, the second key being stored in a circuit disposed proximate the digital recording medium.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the circuit is embedded in a housing that encloses the digital recording medium.
12. (Currently Amended) A method of recording digital data scrambled using a control word encrypted with a first key, the scrambled data being ~~transmitted~~ received together with the control word, the method comprising:
 - ~~encrypting the control word with a first key;~~
 - ~~transmitting the encrypted control word;~~
 - receiving the encrypted control word and decrypting the control word with a digital recorder comprising an equivalent of the first key;
 - re-encrypting the decrypted control word with a second key stored in a portable support device adapted to be releasably received by the ~~decoder~~ digital recorder, the portable support device adapted for use with a plurality of digital recorders; and
 - recording the re-encrypted control word and the scrambled digital data on a digital recording medium operatively coupled to the digital recorder.
13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the portable support device comprises a smart card adapted to be releasably received by a smart card reader operatively coupled to the digital recorder.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the smart card comprises the equivalent of the first key.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the first key is separate from the second key that is stored on the smart card.
16. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein a single smart card is used to generate the re-encrypted control word for a plurality of recordings.
17. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the smart card comprises credit units used to determine how many times the recorded digital data may be replayed.
18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the credit units are decremented after each playing of the recorded digital data.
19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the credit units are associated with a particular segment of the recording so that playing a selected segment of the recording decrements a selected number of credit units associated with that selected segment.
20. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the credit units are decremented after the playing of any segment of the recording.
21. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the portable support device comprises the digital recording medium, the second key being stored in a circuit disposed proximate the digital recording medium.
22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the circuit is embedded in a housing that encloses the digital recording medium.
23. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for recording digital data scrambled using a control word encrypted with a first key, the scrambled data being ~~transmitted~~ received together with the control word encrypted with the first key, the apparatus comprising:
 - ~~a transmitter that encrypts the control word with a first key and transmits the encrypted control word;~~
 - a decoder that receives the encrypted control word and decrypts the control word; and
 - a portable support device comprising a second key and adapted to be releasably received by the decoder, the decoder adapted to re-encrypt the decrypted control word using the second key and to record the re-encrypted control word and the

scrambled digital data on a digital recording medium, the portable support device adapted for use with a plurality of decoders or digital recorders.